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Sector Roles and Interactions for SME Development
Geneva, 23-25 July 1997
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The respective roles of government and the private sector, including NGOs, and the interactions between them in creating a coherent policy framework and setting up effective support measures and structures for the development of SMEs and micro-enterprises, in particular those in least developed countries

4. Adoption of the report.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1 - Election of officers

It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the Meeting is in section I above. The draft schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

Documentation

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Item 3 - The respective roles of government and the private sector, including NGOs, and the interactions between them in creating a coherent policy framework and setting up effective support measures and structures for the development of SMEs and micro-enterprises, in particular those in least developed countries;

With a view to expediting substantive discussions of the Expert Meeting, the secretariat has prepared an issues paper entitled "Government-private sector interaction, with a particular focus on the participation of SMEs" (TD/B/COM.3/EM.2/2).

The paper attempts to respond to the request expressed by the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development at its first session by indicating the main issues involved in promoting effective government-private sector interaction for the development of SMEs. It raises and discusses major policy issues which can be the subject of useful cross-country exchanges of lessons learned and insights gained from national experiences in conducting an effective government-private sector dialogue with a view to achieving better policy coherence for the development of SMEs and to promoting support mechanisms and services for SMEs.

The deliberations of the Expert Meeting under this substantive item are expected to help the Commission to draw lessons from country experiences and to identify "best practices" that can contribute to the improvement of the policy and institutional environment for enterprise development, particularly for SMEs. The exchange of lessons and experiences in the Expert Meeting may also assist governments in preparing country presentations for the second session of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.2/2	"Government-private sector interaction, with a particular focus on the participation of SMEs"

Item 4 - Adoption of the report

The Expert Meeting will adopt its recommendations and conclusions at the end of the Meeting. The final report will be compiled under the authority of the Chairman after the conclusion of the Meeting.

Draft schedule of meetings

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
AM Plenary: Director opening Elections/agenda Informals: Substantive item 3	AM Informals (cont'd): Substantive item 3	AM Informals (cont'd): Consideration of draft text (recommendations)
PM Informals (cont'd): Substantive item 3	PM Informals (cont'd): Substantive item 3	PM Informals (cont'd): Consideration of draft text (recommendations) (cont'd) Plenary (closing) Adoption of the report